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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: *Richard S. Blume*
Serial No.: *09/031,578*
Filing Date: *27 February 1998*
For: **METHOD AND TEST KIT FOR ORAL
SAMPLING AND DIAGNOSIS**
Group Art Unit: *3736*
Examiner: *P. Wingood*
Att'y Docket # RSB-1

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF 30 MARCH 1999

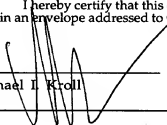
Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant responds as follows to the Office Action dated 30 March 1999. A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed for extending the period for response from 30 April 1999 to 1 June 1999.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231 on 1 June, 1999.



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